

WORLD WAR I PASADENA MONUMENT

World War I started in April 1917 and ended November 11, 1918. In 1919 a committee was appointed to carry forward with the design of the flagstaff. The committee retained Bertram Goodhue, the world famous architect who designed many of the California Institute of Technology buildings, and Le Oskar Laurie world famous sculptor.

The resulting flagpole towers 122 feet above the ground, set on a platform of California granite elevated six feet from the ground and 20 feet in circumference. Above the granite base are seven heroic figures, each seven feet in height, including a soldier a sailor, an aviator and Red Cross nurse administering to a wounded soldier. Below the figures carved in the granite of the base are the words, "In Proud Remembrance of our Glorious Dead," with the dates 1917-1918 in Roman characters.

On top of the Flagstaff sits a Mammoth Bronze Eagle, weighing 135 pounds.

2459 Pasadenans served, 14 died in action, 8 in accidents and 24 by disease.

The end of the war was 11,11,11,11. Eleven minutes after the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month, 1918. Many thought this was "The War to End All Wars" and formerly called it Armistice Day. Later changed to Veterans Day, because it didn't end all wars.

Dedication took place Saturday February 12, 1927.